

SOME STRIKE INFORMATION.

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and to ignore the latter is to do violence to the constitution.

As governor of the state of Illinois I protest against this and ask the immediate withdrawal of the federal troops from active duty in this state.

Should the situation at any time get so serious that we cannot control it with the state forces, we will promptly ask for federal assistance, but until such time, I protest with all due deference, against this uncalled for reflection upon our people, and again ask the immediate withdrawal of these troops.

I have the honor to be, yours respectfully,

JOHN P. ALTJELD,
Governor of Illinois.

A Single-Taxer Demands Explanation.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—In a recent number of your paper, a contributor (Mr. Begert, of Montana,) expressed his thanks for your kindness in publishing some matter from him concerning the single-tax. I would be equally as thankful (or I believe I would be, for thanks cannot be measured) if you would permit me to reply to him.

Mr. Begert informs us that single-taxers do not care for reforms outside their particular line of reforms without telling us what the single-taxers neglect to indorse. He also tells us that single-taxers do not seem to have a satisfactory knowledge of interest, its causes, and its evils. He further tells us that there is some other way in which the land question may be settled other than by the single-tax without giving us the faintest outline of how it may be done.

The vagueness of Mr. Begert's remarks upon the subjects are partially explained when he tells us that he has learned more about the single-tax by studying that which has been said against it than by studying the single-tax itself. It is generally understood that the only way to discover a truth is to find out how it harmonizes with known truths or principles; not from judging the thing by what may be said against it before we know the thing itself.

This explains your correspondent's rather careless manner of dealing with a reform of such vital importance as the single-tax. To the first objection I have named, I would say that the single-taxers indorse all necessary reforms that place the state in its proper sphere and the citizen in his. Single-taxers advocate woman's suffrage, government ownership of public monopolies, demonetization of metals, and the initiative and referendum system of voting; together with that fundamental reform so admirably and earnestly advocated by the greatest and noblest of all human philosophers, Henry George.

Concerning interest and the cause of it, I would recommend Mr. Begert to read "Progress and Poverty" on that subject, and he will find that interest is natural, and all things being equal is as advantageous to the borrower as the lender. It is of no use to speak of the evils of interest which are caused by a gold basis; we must look at interest as natural law gives rise to it, not as a stupid financial system makes it such a gross evil.

Interest always has and always will bear a ratio to the average returns to invested capital; it will always be less than the average interest the use of capital will bring, for the owner of the principal can take less on account of being relieved of the labor of superintending the investment. Interest is the premium paid for temporary or permanent

increase of property without exertion on the part of the borrower; however, it is best explained in "Progress and Poverty" better than I can ever hope to explain it.

If Mr. Begert knows of a way to deal with the land question, let him tell us at once what it is, for private property in land is doing all the harm possible for one injustice to do. If he can show how each can have all the land his capital and labor can use; if he can show how justice can be done without limiting the material activities of men, he should do it at once. If he can tell us how labor can be freed and each of us have the right to our natural inheritance (the earth) by other means than the single-tax, let him proclaim it; he will soon find hearers. Is not the single-tax deducible from first principles? Does it conflict with the law of freedom enunciated by Kant, and further formulated by Herbert Spencer? Does it conflict with the obvious truth that men have a right to do all they will, provided they perform no invasive act? The value of land is produced by the secure existence of society, by the aggregate of men; is it a wrong done when men take what is theirs, what they have produced? Contrariwise, is it not true that when one man or set of men take what all of men have produced they wrong all men? Society has a right to what it produces, and the individual to the results of his exertion. Single-tax means the abolition of landlordism, real estate speculation and the restoration of labor to its right, i. e., its right to use the earth. THOMAS COLEGATE.

Alma, Kas.

Seventh District Convention.

A delegate convention of the People's party of the Seventh congressional district of Kansas is hereby called to meet at Hutchinson, Kansas, July 25, 1894, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for congress from this district, and to elect one committeeman from each of the counties in this district. The basis of representation is the same as two years ago and is as follows:

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Barton.....	6	Edwards.....	2
Comanche.....	1	Finney.....	2
Ford.....	1	Harvey.....	5
Greeley.....	1	Hodgman.....	1
Gray.....	1	Harper.....	6
Hamilton.....	1	Kearney.....	1
Haskell.....	1	Lane.....	1
Kingman.....	6	Meade.....	1
Kiowa.....	1	Ness.....	2
McPherson.....	8	Pratt.....	5
Morton.....	1	Rush.....	2
Pawnee.....	2	Sumner.....	13
Rice.....	7	Stevens.....	1
Reno.....	13	Sedgwick.....	19
Seward.....	1	Scott.....	1
Stanton.....	1	Grant.....	1
Stafford.....	4		
Wichita.....	1	Total.....	125

We would recommend to the chairmen of such county committees as have not already chosen delegates to the congressional convention, to call their central committee together at once, and arrange to call a county convention for such purpose at the earliest practical moment.

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Secretary.

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